



## Practically-lived love through pastoral care

“My connection with the Communio in Christo has greatly enriched my spiritual ministry,” states the Cameroun priest Father Louis Nyah Aku in a letter. Fr. Aku is the director of the ecclesiastical health assistance program “Bepha” aiming at alleviating the misery in the Southwest of the country. The project is supported by the Bamenda diocese bishops. The members of this Organization share the health costs. The idea behind it is the love of neighbor as described by Mother Marie Therese in her book “The Imitation of Christ as the Rule”. “When I visited the Mother House of the community in Mechernich in December 2015, I was so much touched by the spirit of love shown to the sick.”

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## Food supply from donation fund

The Julina Memorial School for the Deaf in Mityana, Uganda, expressed its gratitude towards the Communio in Christo for a donation of 1000 Euros. The money was used to buy food like beans, corn flour and sugar. Some of the food was distributed to the families of the deaf children. The contact between the school and the Communio in Christo was brought about by the Ugandan priest John Paul Jjumba, who has been a friend of the Ordo Communio in Christo for many years and who used to study in Sankt Augustin. At the same time he was House chaplain of the Catholic Social Institute in Bad Honnef.



## Colourful Palm Sunday in the Pacific region

The way people in Papua New Guinea celebrated Palm Sunday could not be more different from the way it was done in Mechernich. While at the Communio in Christo Mother House a Holy Mass was held for those who died and those who are suffering from the Corona pandemic worldwide, the celebration in Papua New Guinea was colorful and joyful. However, according to Father Michal Szulc, this was rather an exception as the Pacific Island State is as well struggling with the Covid 19 pandemic and the growing restrictions resulting therefrom.

# Remembering the death of Mother Marie Therese

On 12 April the Ordo Communio in Christo celebrated the 27th death day of its foundress Mother Marie Therese who died on 11 April 1994. Due to the Corona pandemic restrictions the Holy Mass was held for a closed circle only. The celebrants were from left: Father Rudolf Ammann ISCH, the Deputy Superior General Father Jaison Thazhathil, Father Varughese Mathew, Father Josbert Rutaisire and Deacon Manfred Lang. A video was made of the memorial Mass. You will find it on the Communio in Christo website.



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## Mourning for Friedhelm Henkst

The Communio in Christo mourns the death of one of its members. At the beginning of April 2021 Friedhelm Henkst died at the age of 71. In March 2018 he had taken the vow of charity at the Communio in Christo. In his home town Bad Driburg (County of Höxter) he was known for his social commitment to the benefit of various projects in Ethiopia and for his exemplary human behavior. Among others he had collected donations for Welthungerhilfe e. V. (World Hunger Aid). Mr. Henkst also had been awarded the Bundesverdienstkreuz am Bande (Federal Cross of Merit on a ribbon). "Friedrich Henkst lived the love of God and love of neighbor just as Mother Marie Therese had done it asking us to act likewise," expressed the Superior General Karl-Heinz Haus in a word of condolence to the widow of the deceased.



# A word of Mother Marie Therese



## LOVE AS THE ONLY WEAPON *(8th October 1992)*

A reporter asked a seven-year-old girl from Russia what her wishes were for the future of the world. The child's surprising answer was: "Virtues!" The reporter wanted an explanation and added a second question: "What do you mean by that?" Without any hesitation she replied: "Faith, love, mercy and kindness."

This conviction is the "peg" for today's reflection. Our time is in need of God. It is becoming apparent how we have blocked this way out, abandoned this hope. The terrifying adventure of the rejection of God seems to attract more and more people. ... Faith is the sheet anchor we have to hold on to. It is God we wish to meet, who is waiting for us in order to guide us into the mystery of his will..."

(Mother Marie Therese, „I implore you, o holy Church – In the name of the Spirit“, Patris Verlag GmbH/Bernardinum, 2015, p39 )

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